

## Our Daily Bread

Edited This by The Editor

Alex. H. Washburn

Red River

Another Ocean

Grassy Lake

A history of Arkansas says of Red river that once upon a time it came up 12 feet overnight and a sturdy plowman peacefully slept in his cabin just did make it into a mighty tree in one jump. The Red hasn't changed, nor has the people's respect for it diminished. The street topic today is that new high mark the river set this morning—eclipsing the 1938 record. I photographed that 1938 flood, looking down from the highway bridge upon embattled Fulton, with three feet of sandbags piled on top of the old levee. It was a grim battle with man's ancient enemy—high water—but Fulton was saved.

Today a new 40-foot levee protects Fulton, but there may be trouble on the Miller county side, two weak spots being reported near Buzzard's Bluff.

Fare up the river the new Denmark dam is getting its first test as a flood-control measure and for all we know the river stage might be several feet higher if it weren't for the dam. This is a reasonable deduction in view of March's all-time record rainfall.

We need more projects such as the Danville development. No citizen has any quarrel with government's spending billions on water-control projects such as flood control and land reclamation. They are a basic part of the maintenance of the land, that future generations may find America as bountiful and prosperous as she has been in the past.

\* \* \* \* \* Joe Black, in the Navy, has just crossed somebody's ocean; and he writes back that it makes Grassy lake look like a piker.

But Joe hasn't seen Grassy lake—lately.

With the Little river on a rampage, and the Red bowing its back so the Little can't get out, Grassy lake is shoulder-high to any man's ocean.

\* \* \* \* \* BY JAMES THRASHER Unconditional Surrender "Pure swash" was the way Robert Murphy, our political adviser on German affairs at General Eisenhower's headquarters, described criticism of the Allies' unconditional surrender policy. And the enemy's attitude seems to justify Mr. Murphy's brief description.

As long as the Nazis rule Germany, any compromise surrender would leave the core of Nazism intact. The poison would still be there—and with it, the seeds of another war. Even in the event of a revolutionary overthrow of Hitler, the same policy would certainly be necessary. And if such a revolution were genuine, it probably would not be difficult of fulfillment.

Hitler and his circle have little hope and probably little desire for a compromise surrender. Their vain but persistent hope is for a breakdown of the alliance between the United States, Britain and Russia. In that, and not in conditional terms, would be their best hope of survival.

As Mr. Murphy pointed out, the Germans "are now witnessing the thing they understand best—superior force of arms." Anything less than the full harvest of the whirlwind they have sown might leave them unconvinced, and remaining danger to world peace.

**Byrnes Steps Out; Vinson Steps in**

Washington, April 2—(P)—President Roosevelt accepted today the resignation of James F. Byrnes as director of war mobilization and reconversion, and picked Fred M. Vinson to succeed him.

Vinson will stay on the job until Vinson's nomination is approved by the Senate. Then he will break Vinson into his new duties.

It was the second change of jobs for Vinson in less than a month. On March 6 he was nominated federal loan administrator. Prior to that date he was director of economic stabilization.

Byrnes had submitted his resignation on March 24, while preparing a report to President Roosevelt and Congress which outlined the plans he had developed for reconversion after Germany's collapse.

He said he had no alternative other than to accept, but requested the former Supreme Court justice and senator from South Carolina to make the resignation effective when Vinson qualifies for the job.

Before that, Vinson was a judge on the federal circuit court of appeals for the District of Columbia. Earlier he served a long term as a representative from Kentucky.

Mr. Roosevelt said it was with "heartfelt regret" that he had received Byrnes' resignation.

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After running over the reins to Vinson, Byrnes plans to take a rest at his home at Spartanburg, N.C. Carolina. An aide said he had "absolutely no plans" made after that.

Twelve American planes were shot down and six pilots lost.

The ruby is them most valued of all gems.

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## Nazi Strength on West Front Cut Two-Thirds

—Europe

By JAMES M. LONG  
Paris, April 2—(P)—The American First and Ninth Armies have trapped 21 divisions of 110,000 first line enemy troops in the Ruhr and the British Second Army, driving swiftly northeast, threatened today to throw a nose about another whole army group in Holland, reducing German strength in the west by two thirds.

The Ninth Army has driven 100 miles east of the Rhine, well past the Ruhr and its vast steel and coal works.

The Third Army, rambling swiftly and almost at will over central Germany, crashed into Kassel and Fulda and drove within 155 miles of Berlin and 190 of the Russian lines in the east in a mighty campaign to bisect Germany.

The British Second Army, wheeling toward the north German ports, plunged to the outskirts of Lengenrich, 20 miles northeast of the Westphalian capital of Muenster and 122 from Hamburg. Lengerich is 74 miles from Bremen and 217 from Berlin.

American and British armored troops crashed into the Westphalian capital of Muenster (pop: 143,748) and the tombs of the Dortmund Canal—major German inland waterway—in at least two places near Reisenbeck and farther east.

Lt. Gen. Sir Miles S. Dempsey's British and Scottish troops fought into the Teutoburg forest near Bielefeld (128,700) and drove from captured Rheine to within 12 miles of the traffic center of Osnabrueck (89,000), 67 miles west of Hannover.

Trapped Germans in the Ruhr opened their first coordinated attack in an attempt to break the encirclement of the First and Ninth Armies between Paderborn and Siegen. The Doughboys held firm in hard fighting.

Field Marshal Montgomery lifted the long silence about the 21st Army Group advances in the Ruhr and on the Westphalian plains late today.

Among towns captured were Rhenen and Enschde. Britons continued on Page Four

## Red Cross Fund Goes to 75% of Quota

More than \$1,000 in new gifts over the week-end brought today's total of the Red Cross War Fund to \$13,043.03.

This is 74.5 per cent of Hempstead county's quota, \$17,500.

Included in today's list are \$41.61 in contributions from the Clow Training School area, representing every family in the communities of Clow, St. Peter, St. Luke, Yancey and Clow.

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(Editor's Note: Most of the Manila atrocity stories herein summarized were reported by the Associated Press as they were discovered during the fighting in the city. The following is a summation as compiled by American military units and sworn to by civilians who survived them or by soldiers who discovered them. The complete reports, most of them in affidavit form, were disclosed to day.)

By FRED HAMPSON  
Manila, April 2—(P)—Captured Japanese documents bearing dates between last Dec. 23 and February 14 strongly suggested today that the wholesale atrocities on civilians in Manila were the result of orders issued to the Nipponese гардии.

The atrocities were not, the reports indicated, the work of isolated groups of Japanese who took matters into their own hands, although at the time a good many of them so appeared.

Included in the documentary records of Japanese slaughter of helpless civilians in the downtown battlefield were Nipponese documents and orders captured by soldiers of the U.S. Army's 14th Corps, some of them mislabeled and bound.

One Japanese message book contained the following order issued to Japanese troops:

"Feb. 3—150 guerrillas were disposed of tonight. I personally stabbed and killed 10."

"Feb. 8—Guarded 1,164 guerrillas newly brought in today."

"Feb. 9—Burned 1,000 guerrillas to death tonight."

The pattern of the atrocities as described in the affidavit reports is so similar as to indicate strongly that they were by general order to all Japanese troops.

## Officials for City Election Are Named

By United Press  
The Tokyo newspaper Yomiuri Hochi, in a remarkably frank editorial on the significance of the Okinawa invasion, warned the Japanese people today that the loss of that key bastion will mean that "there can be no hope of turning the course of the war."

The editorial, as noted by Tokyo radio and recorded by United Press at San Francisco, said the "entire strategy of the Pacific" was based on the battle of Okinawa.

"The loss of Okinawa will mean the collapse of the vanguard of Japan proper," the newspaper said.

Two other Tokyo dailies maintained the usual Japanese propaganda line. The Asahi Shimbun, according to the broadcast, asserted the invasion "does not mean the war situation is turning in their (Allied) favor," adding that at the "decisive moment everything should be thrown into the encounter."

The Mainichi Shimbun said that "if we succeed in destroying the enemy, we will be able to turn to the offensive."

## Convictions for Contempt Are Upheld

Little Rock, April 2—(P)—The state supreme court held today that three Stone county men were guilty of contempt of court in connection with a political campaign circular distributed in behalf of Rep. Ronnie Ackerman during the county election last August which made reference to a "corrupt and rotten court."

Ward 2—Judges, Logan Bailey, W. F. Garner, Elbert Burke; Alternates, T. H. Butler, J. C. Broyles; Clerks, J. C. Carlton, J. A. Embree; Sheriff, F. E. Taylor.

Ward 2—Judges, Jack Brown, B. W. Edwards, J. M. Campbell; Alternates, Paul Cobb, Eugene Cox; Clerks, R. L. Cain, Leo Compton; Sheriff, G. W. McDowell.

Ward 3—Judges H. B. Barr, T. R. Bryant, R. H. Martindale; Alternates, Robert LaGrone, B. L. Rettig; Clerks, N. T. Jewell, Harry Moore; Sheriff, L. V. Hill.

Ward 4—Judges, Dale Jones; Alternates, T. H. Thompson; Clerks, W. C. Griffin, W. F. Compton; Clerks, H. B. Wolff, F. R. Johnson; Sheriff, A. W. Cobb.

Holding that "only one interpretation can be given the language of the circular" the high court affirmed the Stone circuit court conviction of Bryan Lancaster, author of the circular, Edwin Ticer, chairman of Ackerman's campaign committee, and Jared E. Trevathan, printer of the circular.

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How Do Civilians Behave as War Sweeps Past Them? They Do Their Best to Ignore It

By HAL BOYLE  
In Germany—(P)—What do civilians do when their country is invaded? That question used to puzzle Maj. James A. Alexander, former Jackson, Miss., attorney. After riding for three days with an armored spearhead thrusting through Germany he knows the answer.

"They try to do what they did before," he said, "and keep the war out of their lives as much as possible. Farm wives pull out their laundry and go and try to get their husbands from the fields in time for dinner. Farmers go right on plowing their fields and milking their cows, and their kids come out in the front yard to watch the parade," today's opinion stated.

The opposition's predictions of victory became more confident after a weekend of developments which saw Sen. Edwin C. Johnson, D. of Colorado, the bill's author, announced angrily that he would vote against it.

Johnson bolted the administration camp after War Mobilizer James F. Byrnes revealed in his second report to Congress that his contemplated manpower controls would extend into the reconversion period.

The bill, a compromise between the separate measures passed by the House and Senate, gives Byrnes virtually unlimited power to set labor ceilings, freeze workers in their jobs and regulate hiring practices.

Johnson declared that Byrnes' statement had "effectively destroyed" all chances for Senate adoption of the manpower conference report.

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High-ranking German officers don't hesitate to fly the white flag personally when it comes time to give up. In one group of German officers near Limburg, several were wearing white cloths to show they were eager to surrender personally.

At Montabaur when an entire German garrison fled out to become prisoners of war they took their wives and belongings with them. At the gate of the prisoner of war enclosure the soldiers turned,

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A kiss from Betty sounds enticing—but along the battlefield it means something might unpleasant to the "jumping dogboys."

One who had "kissed from Betty" and survived is Pte. Edward Maynard of Detroit, Mich. He and seven other paratroopers stumbled into a garden of "jumping Betty" anti-personnel mines, those delicate Nazi creations which are tossed in the air by one explosive charge and they are second burst spread scores of deadly steel balls over a wide area.

Walters resigned as chairman of the executive committee to accept the new post and Frank Hobbs, who earlier had been selected as a member of the committee from the 7th district, was named to succeed him.

Crump, whose Shelby County machine gun dominated Tennessee politics for 33 years, was elected national Democratic committeeman from Tennessee and the state Democratic executive committee elected Herbert S. Walters, Morristown, to succeed him.

The Third Ukrainian Army column pushing up the south side of the Danube, should be shouldered with Tolbukhin, wedged behind the Germans, disorganizing resistance and ranging very close to Bratislava, itself.

Tanks of Malinovsky's division, driving westward on the south side of the Danube, should be shouldered with Tolbukhin advanced 15 miles yesterday in one of the swiftest operations of the war on the eastern front.

The landing on Okinawa was preceded by landings beginning last Monday on the Kerama Islands 10 to 20 miles west of Okinawa.



# Okinawa Invasion Puts Flag 325 Miles From Tokyo.

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the News by  
Mackenzie

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